



Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

Calendar of Events

FALL-WINTER 2010-2011

Deer Hunt

By refuge permit in designated areas on designated days. *Portions of the refuge will be closed to all other activities on hunt days.*

Registration: Closes as of September 15, 2010 for full season permit and by October 15, 2010 for late season only. Contact refuge office or website for details.

Dates: October 1,2,8,9,15,16, November 4,5,6, 12,13,19,20, 2010

Cost: \$15.00

Bear Hunt

By refuge permit in designated areas on designated days. *Portions of the refuge will be closed to all other activities on hunt days.*

Registration: By lottery drawing, registration closed as of August 27, 2010. Registration through VA DGIF.

Dates: November 19, 20, 2010 Raindates of December 3, 4, 2010

Cost: \$25.00

Owl Prowl

Owls and a few stray ghosts! Dare you walk through the Great Dismal Swamp on Halloween's eve?

Guide: Don Schwab, Refuge Biologist

Place: To be announced

Date: Saturday, October 30, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Registration: *Reservations suggested.* Contact Refuge Office at 757-986-3705

Cost: Free

Lousy Bird Walks Probably not really "lousy," but on a winter walk one never knows what will be waiting around the bend. We do know the bugs will be gone, as well as the foliage, leaving the wildlife more exposed to your prying eyes. Walk takes approximately 1 1/2 hours and covers 1 mile of trail.

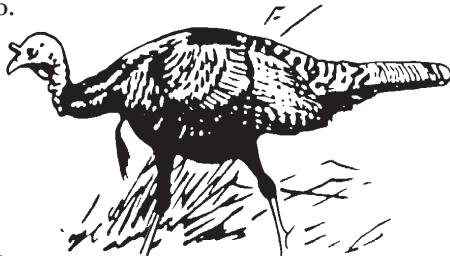
Place: Meet at Washington Ditch parking area

Date: Saturdays, December 11, 2010, January 15 and February 5, 2011

Time: 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Registration: *Reservations suggested.* Contact Refuge Office at 757-986-3705.

Cost: Free



Christmas Bird Count

Making a list and checking it twice—not presents, birds! Be a part of this international survey. Volunteers are needed for the count. All skill levels are welcome. If you are new to the count, you will be placed on a team with seasoned counters—a great way to learn!

Place: Meet at the Refuge Headquarters

Date: Saturday, December 18, 2010

Time: 6:30 am, returning to HQ at 4:30 pm

Registration: Required. Call Don Schwab or Deloras Freeman at 757/986-3705

Cost: Registration fee paid by the Great Dismal Swamp Coalition

Great Dismal Swamp Coalition Meeting--Friends of the Refuge

Come and join the refuge support group. A short meeting will include refuge update. Another Mystery Field trip for members and guest to follow the meeting.

Place: Refuge headquarters, 3100 Desert Road, Suffolk, VA

Date: Saturday, January 22, 2011

Time: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Bus Tours to the "Blocks" Experience the serenity found in the heart of the refuge during the quiet of winter.

Place: Meet at refuge office, 3100 Desert Road, Suffolk, VA

Date: Saturday, January 29 and February 26, 2011

Time: 7:30 am - 12:00 noon

Registration: *Reservations ARE required.* Seating is limited. Contact Refuge Office at 757-986-3705.

Cost: Free

Mark your Calendars! Details will follow...

Great Dismal Swamp Birding Festival

Guided bird walks and bus tours, photography workshops, beginning birding classes, family activities, music, and more!

Location: Refuge grounds

Dates: May 12-14, 2011

Registration: Begins March 1, 2011

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